

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the non-final Office Action dated June 16, 2008.

Status of the Claims

The pending claims are 2-4, 6, 7, 10-13 and 15. Claims 5 and 14 are canceled. The independent claims are 6, 7, and 10.

Claims 2-6 and 10-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 5 and 14 are canceled.

Claims 6 and 10 are amended, without conceding the merits of the rejections, in the interests of advancing the prosecution of the amended claims, as follows:

Claim 6 is amended to recite that the electronic device is formed from a solution of an organic light-emitting diode. No new matter is introduced.

Claim 10 is amended to recite that the electronic device is formed from a solution of active material selected from fluorescent emitters and phosphorescent emitters. No new matter is introduced.

Double Patenting

If claims 4 and 13 are found allowable, claims 5 and 14, respectively, will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being substantial duplicates. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 5 and 14 in response to this objection and request withdrawal of the objection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 2-6 and 10-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,348,677 to Poetsch et al., (hereinafter "Poetsch") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0173155 to Hiromasu et al. (hereinafter "Hiromasu"); European Patent No. 1 318 185 to Farrand et al. (hereinafter "Farrand"); U.S. Patent No. 6,528,165 to Chandler (hereinafter "Chandler"); and Japanese Patent No. 07270805 to Hirakata et al. (hereinafter "Hirakata"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Office Action states the language of the preamble is directed to intended use, and does not result in a distinguishing structural difference over that cited in Poetsch. Applicant has amended claims 6 and 10 to cite positive claim elements, similarly to allowed claim 7, and believe this language is now distinguished over Poetsch, consistent with the allowed language of claim 7.

Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has been overcome and requests that it be withdrawn.

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter for claim 7. Applicant notes that claims 2-4 depend directly from claim 7 and are likewise allowable over the cited art. Claims 6 and 10 are amended to incorporate language consistent with allowed claim 7 and believe that claims 6, 10 and dependent claims 11-13 and 15 are now allowable over the cited art.

Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been rendered moot or overcome by the foregoing amendments and remarks, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited for claims 2-4, 6, 7, 10-13 and 15.

Should the Examiner have questions about the content of this paper or the status of the application, she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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